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**The North Carolina Office of School Readiness
Professional Development Announcement**

The NC Office of School Readiness (OSR) is in the process of restructuring professional development efforts in response to current research regarding how best to meet the learning needs of early educators. This approach will more closely align with professional development standards from both the NC Department of Public Instruction and the National Association for the Education of Young Children, as well as support OSR's goal "To promote children's learning and development through effective, performance-based early childhood education practices."

In 2008-2009 OSR will begin to move away from a statewide workshop delivery system toward supporting regional delivery systems that focus on partnerships with local agencies and organizations to provide high-quality professional development which incorporates follow-up and ongoing support.

While OSR is in this process of transition, we will continue to support several professional development opportunities. These will include:

- NCaeyc Annual Conference, Sept. 18 – 20
(<http://www.ncaeyc.org/conference/Conferencedetails.html>)
- PreK-Kindergarten Teacher Performance Appraisal Instrument (PKKTPAI) Training, December 2008 (Cindy.Wheeler@ncmail.net)
- Exceptional Children's Preschool Coordinators Meeting, January 2009 (www.osr.nc.gov)
- NC Head Start Association Annual Conference - March 2009 (www.ncheadstart.org)
- Even Start Family Literacy (www.osr.nc.gov)
 - ❖ Family Literacy/Parenting Skills
- Partnerships for Inclusion (<http://www.fpg.unc.edu/~PFI/>)
 - ❖ Social and emotional development in young preschoolers
 - ❖ Support for inclusive preschool classrooms
- Project Enlightenment (<http://projectenlightenment.wcpss.net/>)
 - ❖ Early Literacy and Intentional Classroom Practices
- OSR's Preschool Demonstration Classrooms
(<http://www.osr.nc.gov/pdf/DPIDemoPreschoolProgramCombined.pdf>)
- An Introduction to *Foundations* Online – NC Early Learning Standards (release date TBA)
- OSR Regional Meetings (TBA)
- Early Intervention-Early Childhood Lending Library (<http://www.ncei-eclibrary.org/>)

Professional development announcements will be posted on OSR's website (<http://www.osr.nc.gov/calendar/index.asp>) throughout the year and will include dates, locations, and registration information.

Please share this announcement with superintendents, principals, directors, pre-k teachers and assistants, and other appropriate pre-k staff!